

COUNCIL

Agenda item 7.1

26 July 2022

Notice of Motion, Lord Mayor Sally Capp: 26 January.

Motion

1. That Council
 - 1.1. Notes that:
 - 1.1.1. January 26, as declared by the Commonwealth Government in 1994, is Australia's national day
 - 1.1.2. For many people in the City of Melbourne and across Australia this date is divisive and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is marked as the anniversary of invasion and a day of mourning
 - 1.1.3. There is growing national sentiment that Australia's national day be changed to a date that can unify all Australians for celebration about what it means to be Australian.
 - 1.2. Requests:
 - 1.2.1. Management review the City of Melbourne's approach to January 26, including events, communications and community engagement and identify alternative options for Council consideration.
 - 1.2.2. An options paper be prepared for Future Melbourne Committee consideration on 6 September 2022 that details how the City of Melbourne could manage January 26 from 2023 onwards.
 - 1.2.3. The options paper outlines the current and proposed State and Federal Government approaches to 26 January.
 - 1.2.4. The options paper include consideration of ways to engage with the Commonwealth Government on reconciliation with First Nations people, including involvement in the movement to change the date.
 - 1.3. Affirms the City of Melbourne's commitment to reconciliation and to strengthening ties between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people for the benefit of all Australians.

Mover: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

Seconder: Councillor Dr. Ball